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Regional Assembly

# CRAFTING A VISION FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Framework for Dialogue on new Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies



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European Regional  
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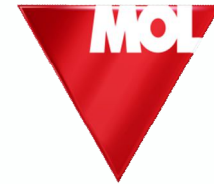


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A Promise for Life



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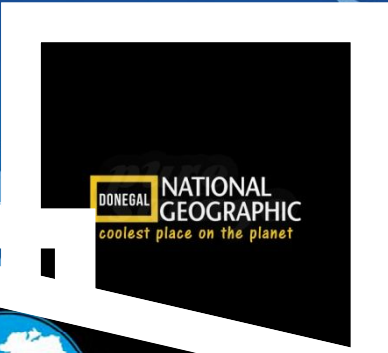
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**TOP 10 MICRO EUROPEAN CITIES**

- The Growth Sectors**
- Energy
  - Marine
  - Life Sciences
  - Financial Services
  - Creative Economy
  - Tourism
  - Agri-Food
  - Education







CLARE





Ulster University

Letterkenny Institute of Technology

An Institiúid Teicneolaíochta, Sligeach

INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA NA GAILLIMHE-MAIGH EÓ  
GALWAY-MAYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

cavan institute

NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh

AIT

Marine Institute  
Foras na Mara







European Entrepreneurial Region





ATLANTIC ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

HEALTHCARE



NORTH WEST PARTNERSHIP

FINANCIAL SERVICES



FIBRE OPTIC CABLE



SLIGO TO ENNISKILLEN CATCHMENT



MONAGHAN EAST COAST CONNECTION

ENGINEERING



AGRI-TECH



KNOCK EQUITY GROUP

LIFE SCIENCES



ENGINEERING



Agri-technology

MARINE ECONOMY



UPPER ERNE ECONOMY PROJECT



AGRI-TECH



LIFE SCIENCES



BIO-PHARMA



ROSCOMMON TO ATHLONE CATCHMENT



SHANNON CATCHMENT



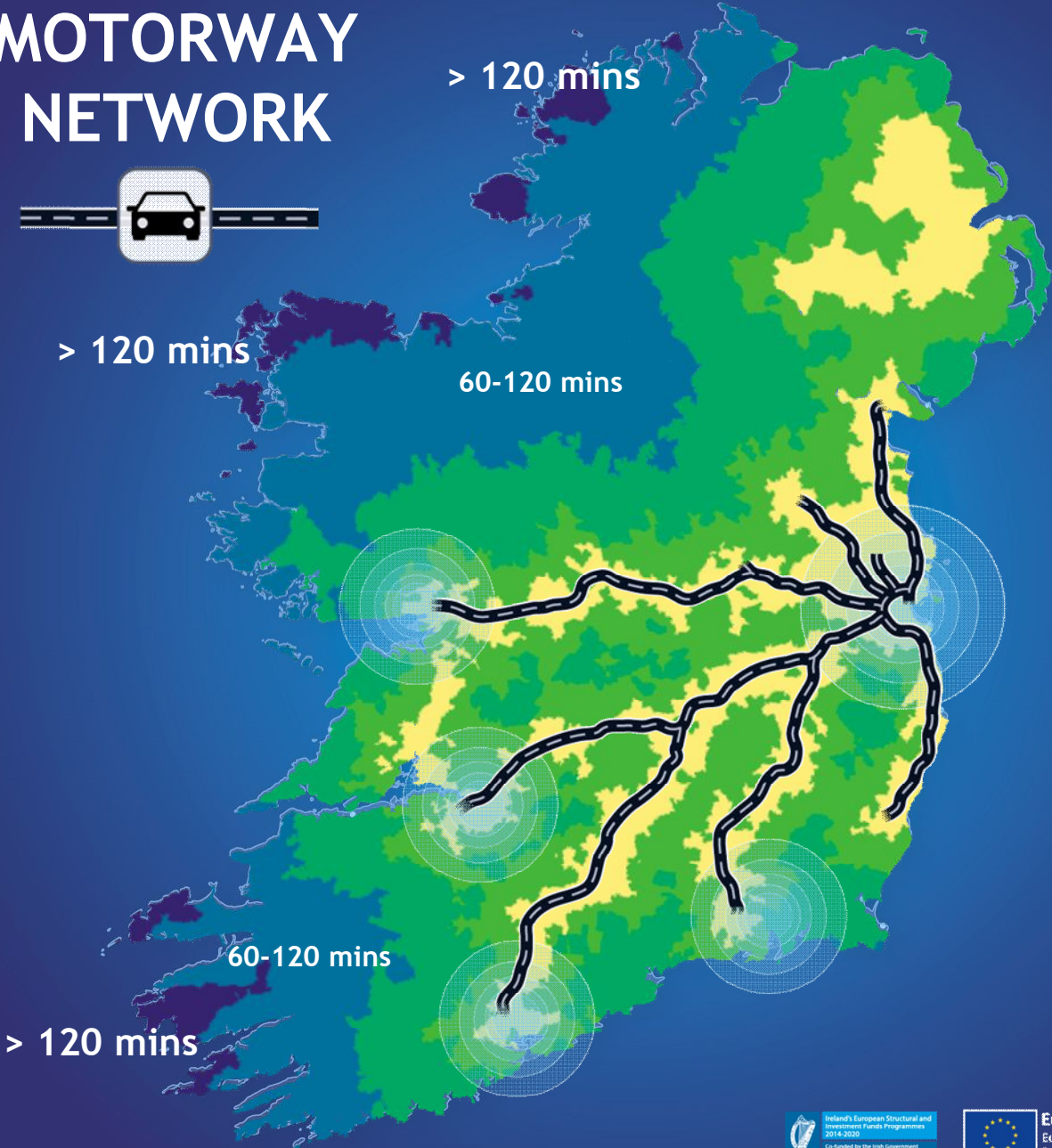
TECHNOLOGY

AEROSPACE





# MOTORWAY NETWORK



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# RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE



# ELECTRICAL GRID NETWORK



# GAS INFRASTRUCTURE





# History of Regional Development

Romantic entanglement between the 'Transformative' and the the Transactional

## Short History

1. Buchanan

2. NSS

3. NDP

4. NPF\*\*\*any minute

## Long History:

- LG Act 1963
- Urban Renewal '83 (tax incentive)
- Regional Authorities '94
- Sustainable Development - National Plan '97 –
- Rural Renewal '98 – Upper Shannon
- Euro Spatial Development Perspective
- NDP 1999
- Planning & Development Act 2002
- Decentralisation ☹ 2003
- RPGs 2004
- NDP 07-13
- LG Reform Act 2014 / Assemblies Order

# The Impact Created

Over development in some areas / decline in others

Difficult to plan and deliver services for health & well being

Created a commuter culture

Urban area congestion and rural depopulation

Increase cost of public infrastructure – transport\*

Uncompetitive city / city regions

Polarised communities

Continued one-off housing debate

Under utilisation of natural economic potential



# Challenges & Trends

**Population Increase to over 5.5 million**

**Number of people over 65 to increase to over 1m**

**Household occupancy significantly reduce**

**Average need for 25,000 new homes**

**Increase demand for employment with figures estimated at over 2.2m**

**Environment and Climate Change targets**

**Urbanisation**

**BREXIT**

**Connected Global Politics**

# Effective Regional Development

## effective

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*adjective*

1. successful in producing a desired or intended result.  
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*synonyms:* **successful, effectual, efficacious, productive, constructive, fruitful, functional, potent, powerful;** More
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Winning: Foreign Direct Investment  
2015-2019



Rural and Regional  
Development

The National  
Spatial Strategy



Education and Training Boards (ETBs) in Ireland



Regional Authorities of Ireland  
National Report on Regional Planning Guidelines  
Implementation 2012-2014



**RSES**



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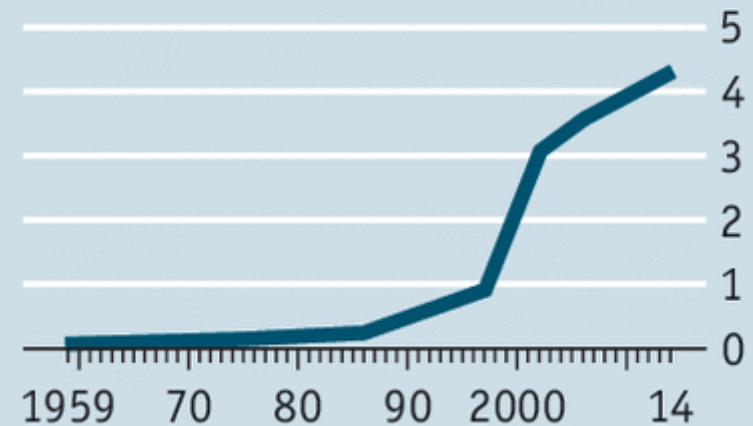


# History of Regional Development



## Special economic zones

Number, worldwide, '000



# History of Regional Development





CAPITAL INVESTMENT



# Establishment of new Regions

- Putting People First – Action Programme for Effective Local Government 2012
- Local Government Reform Act 2014
- Established on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 in accordance with the provisions of Establishment Order SI 573 of 2014. Local Government Act 1991 (Regional Assemblies) (Establishment) Order 2014.

REGIONS and Strategic Planning Areas (SPAs)







## Local Government

Local Area Plan or SDZ

City & County Development Plans



Local Economic and Community Plans



## Regional Assembly

Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy



Other regional plans and programmes i.e. regional enterprise strategies



## Government Department

National Planning Framework



Action Plan for jobs

Our vision is that our Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies has the capability to **CONNECT** us.





# RSES Process



Issues Paper  
Pre-Draft Consultation  
(min. 8 weeks)



Preparation of

RSES



Consultation  
(min. 10 weeks)

Consideration  
of amendments



Consultation  
(min. 4 weeks)



Adoption



# So what is 'OUR' Effective Regional Development

And why do we need it?



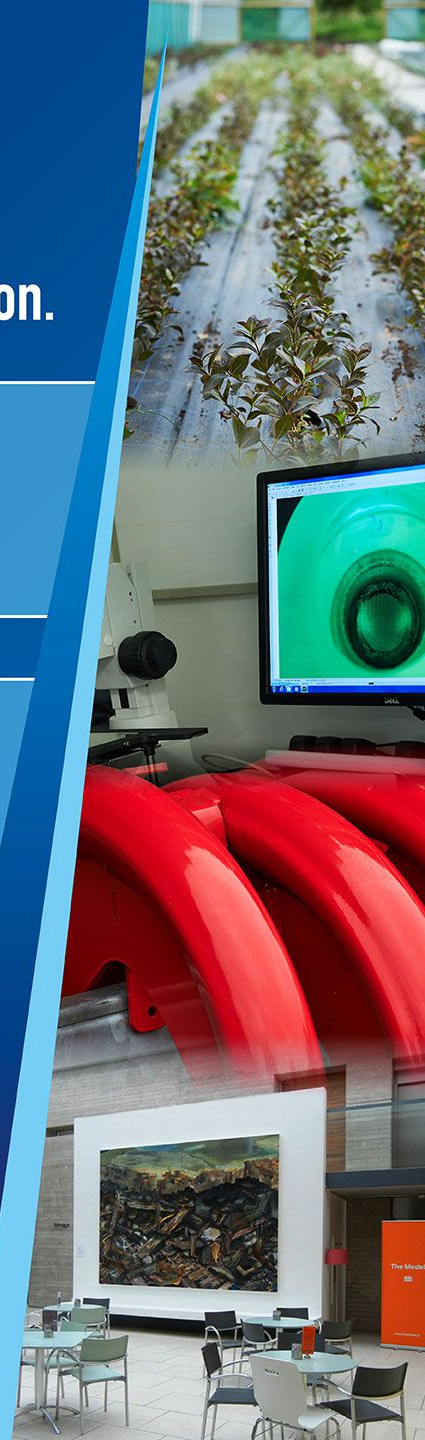
# SO... WHAT DO WE DO?

Create Better Places and a more Competitive Region. Your Region.

**1** Create **BETTER PLACES** by ensuring our region adopts effective planning and economic development policies centered on sustainable and resilient growth.

**2** Enhance our **COMPETITIVENESS** by optimizing all exchequer and EU funding (with local & regional partners) to ensure appropriate levels of investment and infrastructure are secured for our region.

**3** Act as a **PLATFORM** for collaboration, knowledge transfer and ultimately regional economic development.



# So...what do we want to do

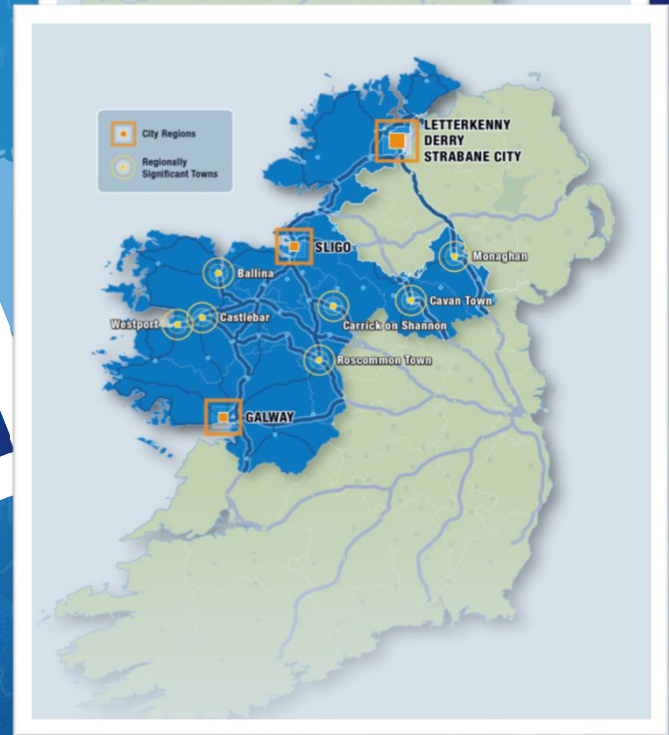
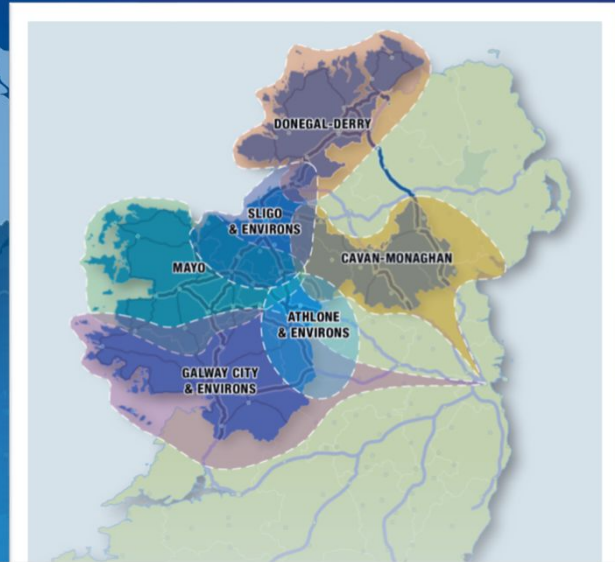
## Transformative approach:

- ❖ “Continue to monitor EU Operational Programme and align regional planning”

Or

- ❖ “In 5 years time we want the Australians coming here; studying how we unleashed this regions true potential – CONNECTING AND CONVERGING OUR STRENGTHS”





"Change is inevitable, and conscious involvement in directing change is empowering, and very different from drifting with change. Being the arrow, not the target means being active, not passive, in this time of challenge and change."

President Michael D. Higgins

# Thank you

Observation!!!!!! If time allows